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SHOOTS FROM AMBUSH.

A correspondent in a recent issue of the Charlotte Observer, signing himself "Aliquis," appears greatly disturbed because he sees no hope for the republican party in North Carolina and virtually tells the leaders of "that body of death" to ground their arms and join in with "some other organization," meaning of course, that he would like to see the democrats divide and the so-called conservative element "fuse" with the republicans. This wonderful (?) prophet, whoever he is, predicts dire disaster in the State under the management of what he is pleased to call "the radical" wing of the democratic party, yet he admits that the "radicals" are now safely in power and will control the state convention next year. He bewails the growing popularity of William Jennings Bryan and goes on to say that the world proclaims Grover Cleveland the most distinguished citizen on the American continent. "Do you ask who will be nominated for Governor of the State?" asks this much distressed "nom-de-plume." And here is his answer: "To determine this, you have only to ascertain who is the most zealous supporter of Mr. Bryan for the presidency, who will take the most advanced position in government ownership of railroads and the destruction of some particular corporate interests, in the State. When the hardest hitter for these and it may be, other erratic measures is discovered, then you have your gubernatorial candidate. Messrs. Kitchin and Craig are candidates to the "man-or-born," both are loving disciples of the Western chief, whose sweetest pleasure has always been to do the master's will."

Our unknown friend thinks there is little hope for Mr. Ashley Horne, since that gentleman has nothing to recommend him except that he is a good business man who might stay in Raleigh and keep the Governor's chair warm all the time he would be in office and not be running around over the State. It doesn't make any difference who succeeds Senator Simmons as chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, thinks this observant (?) correspondent, "the decrees of the party have gone forth, and the platform is already practically written. The truth is, there is little else to do in the preparation for an election, than to get up the records of the republican party from 1868 to the year when it was put out of business at the ballot box. When this collection is made the democratic hand book is complete. It only remains to be touched off by the silver-tongued orator of Goldsboro, the soldier and patriot of Greenville, aided at points by the fervor of our pious and temperance Governor."

If this "mugwump" correspondent thinks that abuse of the men who have made respectability possible in the government of affairs in North Carolina will strengthen the cause (?) of the opposition he is very much mistaken. The contemptible reference in his learned

(?) production, to former Governors Jarvis and Aycock and the present Chief Executive, are unworthy the consideration of any decent North Carolina democrat. Not since the days of Vance has the State had three greater rulers at the helm than Jarvis, Aycock and Glenn. The administration of each of these distinguished statesmen and democrats has been characterized by decency, efficiency, prosperity and gratifying advancement along all the lines of material, educational and industrial progress. And the next Governor be he Kitchin, Craig, or Horne, will take no backward step in the effort now making to place this grand old commonwealth high up in the list of states in morality, education and industrial interests of whatsoever kind.

The democracy of this State has already experienced the disastrous and demoralizing effects of a division in its ranks and an unholy alliance which brought shame and disgrace upon the people. They see no cause for alarm at present either in the administration of the State Government, or the effort making in certain quarters to create division in the party, and the hypocritical cry of the alarmist is not going to disturb reasonable thinking men. Mr. "Aliquis" will find that he cannot build up a strong faction upon opposition to the organization, or administration alone. He must have some other excuse for his brazen effort at launching such a scheme. He may persist in crying "radicalism" and "conservatism," in the hope of attracting attention, until the millennium, but unless he can offer some argument other than any suggestion presented in his covert attack in the Observer, "there will be nothing doing." The people are still "in the saddle" and seem content with letting well-enough alone.

It is manifestly unfair to criticize Mr. Bryan because the American people still believe in him. Even the republican president is industriously engaged in promulgating the policies long ago proposed by Mr. Bryan, yet we hear no word of protest from this individual who essays to reflect upon the great Nebraskan for dealing honestly with the public and being true to himself. However this makes little difference to the democrats of North Carolina and if loyalty to Bryan is a crime about nine-tenths of them are ready to plead guilty to the charge. In the meantime, the affairs of the people will continue in the hands of the democratic party, in North Carolina, and this is sufficient guarantee that we are to have good government economically administered, despite the wails of kickers and "croakers," especially of those who fire from ambush, instead of coming out in the open.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

This newspaper takes especial pleasure in extending the hand of welcome to the North Carolina Bar Association now in session in our city. The membership of this Association is composed of many of the first citizens of this great state and our people are rejoiced to have the honor of their presence here. It has been aptly said that "the farmer is the man who feeds them all," and we would add that, with the probable exception of the press, "the lawyer is the man who leads them all." He is always found in the front rank of every progressive

movement for the uplift of the people with whom he casts his fortunes, and "once putting his hands to the plow he never turns back." It is gratifying to be able to say truthfully that the legal profession in the Old North State constitutes a band of patriots of which any commonwealth might be proud. This is especially true of the fortunate student of the law who has succeeded in "breaking into" the State Bar Association.

So far as we are advised there is not a "black sheep" in the entire "bunch." Fair Hendersonville is safe in their hands and our gate swings outward. Gentlemen, take the place.

The presence of that distinguished jurist and statesman Judge Alton Brooks Parker, is exceedingly pleasing to our people. He comes under the auspices of the Bar Association and the benefit of his learned instructions and extensive experience, in propounding intricate legal propositions, is sufficient guarantee that a great treat is in store for all who shall be permitted the rare pleasure of hearing his address on Thursday morning. Judge Parker rose to the highest position of judicial distinction in his native State of New York and is therefore amply qualified to hand out advice to his worthy brethren who are "leading the simpler life"—connected with the honored legal profession elsewhere. Hail to the chief: Thrice welcome to fair Hendersonville and our glorious Southland.

For West Point.

The following from Congressman Crawford is self-explanatory:
Waynesville, N. C., July 5, 1907.
Editor of Hustler:

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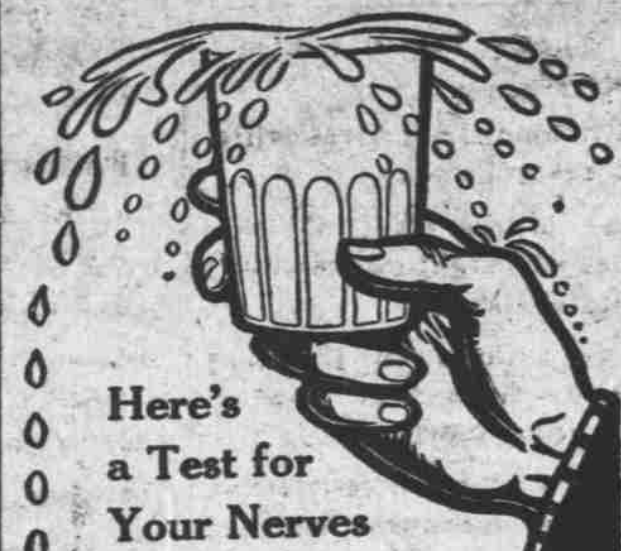
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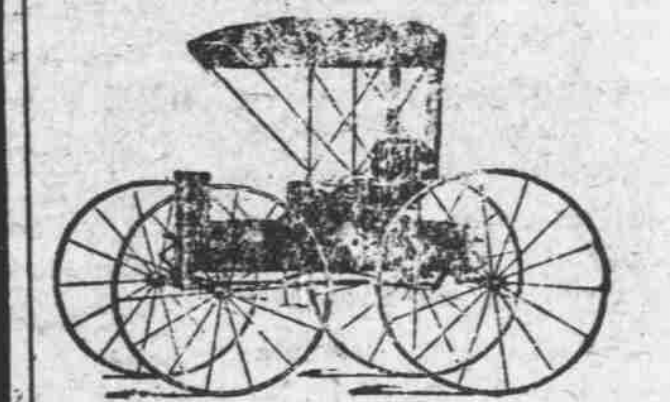
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